

Senate File 43 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the default speed limit on hard surface roads
2 to sixty miles per hour.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsection 3, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Unless otherwise provided in this section or by other
4 speed restrictions, the speed limit for all vehicular traffic
5 shall be ~~fifty-five~~ sixty miles per hour.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill increases the speed limit from 55 to 60 miles per
10 hour on hard surface roads that are not subject to other speed
11 restrictions. The new speed limit applies on primary roads
12 other than certain divided, multilaned highways with a speed
13 limit of 65 miles per hour and on interstates, where the speed
14 limit is typically 70 miles per hour. The new speed limit also
15 applies on secondary roads surfaced with concrete or asphalt.
16 Under the bill, the department of transportation retains the
17 authority to lower the speed limit on any part of the primary
18 road system, and counties retain the right to lower the speed
19 limit on secondary roads.